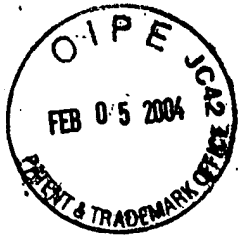


## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)

RTI 128R-13996US02



In re the Application of

**Grooms, Jamie M., et al.**

Application Number

**09/960,256**

Filed

**September 20, 2001**

For

**"Method of Preparing and Processing Transplant Tissue"**

Group Art Unit

**1651**

Examiner

**Jean C. Witz**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))               | \$ _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))              | \$ _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ <b>950.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))             | \$ _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))             | \$ _____         |

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number **13-0017**. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number **32,167**

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) \_\_\_\_\_

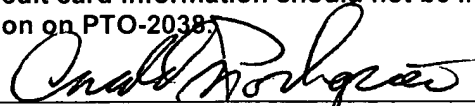
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**February 2, 2004**

Date

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Signature

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.